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23 October 1956

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building,
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 23 October 1956

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Robert H. Rice, acting Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters,
United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Ralph R. Roach, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

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1. Welcome to General Wienecke

General Schow introduced his deputy, Brigadier General R. H. Wienecke, who was welcomed by the Chairman and members of the IAC.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of 16 October Meeting
(IAC-M-260)

Approved as written, subject to amendment of the first sentence of item 7 a to read as follows: "A working memorandum prepared in CIA, dealing with certain aspects of the Suez and Arab-Israeli situations, was distributed to the members."

b. Minutes of 20 October Meeting
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Approved as written.

3. Watch Committee Report
No. 324

Noted this report.

4. Review of Suez and Arab-
Israeli Developments

a. Following distribution of a working memorandum prepared in CIA, dealing with certain aspects of the Suez and Arab-Israeli situations, the members exchanged views on these matters. In the course of the discussion, General Schow reported orally on the seizure by the French in the Mediterranean of a vessel carrying a cargo which included arms allegedly loaded in Egypt and destined for support of Algerian rebels. Mr. Armstrong noted and commented on the serious implications of the interception and detention by the French of five Algerian rebel leaders flying from Morocco to Tunis. The members

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also discussed specifically the significance of recent developments in Jordan. After this general exchange of views, the members agreed that revisions of the most recent estimative judgments of the IAC with respect to the Suez situation, and the likelihood of a major Arab-Israeli conflict, were not justified at this time.

b. Mr. Kent inquired regarding the procedure which the members wished to follow in reviewing the Suez and Arab-Israeli situations at future IAC meetings, particularly with respect to the form of papers submitted for their consideration. Mr. Dulles suggested, and the members concurred, that, while the situation remained acute in these areas, the working memorandum prepared in CIA each week be continued in a different form; and that, until further notice, it merely list without analysis the significant developments bearing on the Suez and Arab-Israeli problems which had occurred since the last IAC meeting. This list of developments would then be reviewed by the IAC members in connection with their determination as to whether revisions in existing IAC estimative judgments on the Suez and Arab-Israeli situations were warranted, and would also serve as a means of highlighting certain developments which might be considered sufficiently important to be reflected in Mr. Dulles' briefings of the NSC.

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Pursuant to Mr. Kent's suggestion, the members agreed that completion of this estimate be deferred, and that the new target date for consideration by the IAC should be 27 November.

6. Review of Developments
in Poland

a. Referring to a paper on the Polish situation which had been delivered to the White House on 21 October, and subsequently circulated to IAC members, Mr. Dulles stated that he was particularly interested in obtaining the members' views on current Polish developments for the purpose of briefing the National Security Council. After

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a discussion of significant military and political developments affecting the Polish situation, Mr. Dulles noted that he would probably desire to consult on this matter again with other members, particularly Mr. Armstrong and General Schow, prior to his next briefing of the NSC.

b. Following an exchange of views with respect to the last Satellite estimate (NIE 12-56), Mr. Kent referred to the forthcoming estimate on the Satellites (NIE 12-57), and noted that a separate paper on Satellite developments, now being prepared by CIA, would soon be completed. Mr. Dulles suggested, and the members concurred, that this CIA paper be circulated to IAC members for information, comment, and possible coordination.

7. Release of Survey of NIE
Dissemination and Use
(IAC-D-94/1, 10 July 1956;
as approved by IAC,
7 August 1956)

Noting that the Bureau of the Budget had requested a copy of this survey, Mr. Dulles asked the members to state their views on release of this document. After a brief discussion, the members agreed to defer a decision on this matter until the next regular meeting of the IAC.

8. Special Session

Upon completion of the IAC meeting at 1145 the Chairman requested Mr. Armstrong and the military members to remain for discussion of a matter in the operational field.

Adjournment: 1200

JOHN HEIRES
Acting Secretary

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SECRETARY'S NOTE

All of the IAC members having concurred, Revision 6 of Part I, Tab A, of IAC-D-45/12, "Procedures for the Dissemination of National Intelligence Surveys," 15 October 1956, stands approved as of 24 October 1956. Attachment B to this document, which has been previously circulated, should therefore be substituted for the corresponding page appearing as Part I, Tab A, of IAC-D-45/12 (Revision 5), 15 September 1955.

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